Sample Grading Rubric

This chart is adapted from the NHD contest evaluation form and may be used in the classroom to help you assign a grade to students NHD projects.

Judging Criteria	Superior (12)	Excellent (10)	Average (8)	Needs Improvement (7)	Not Enough Evidence (0-6)

Historical Quality (60 points possible)

Information presented is historically accurate					
Student writing and cited sources show analysis and interpretation					
Project places topic in broader historical context (before and after main topic)					
Project uses wide research to support thesis statement					
Project uses available primary sources to support information					
Research is balanced and presented in project					

Relation of Theme (30 points possible)

Project clearly relates the topic to the NHD theme					
Project demonstrates significance of topic in history					
Project draws conclusions about impact on history					

Clarity of Presentation (20 points possible)

Project is original, clear, appropriate and organized					
Project accurately uses sources to support thesis					

Rules Compliance & Complimentary Materials (50 points possible)

Complies with all NHD rules for project					
Annotated Bibliography typed and with project					
Annotated Bibliography separated into primary/secondary sources					
Process Paper and Title Page included with project					
Student presents to judges on time and with all materials					